

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

A broadcast flag has great potential for abuse and is unproven technology. This places too much control in the hands of the industry to decide what I should view and/or copy.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? Absolutely. This opens the door for abuse by the industry to set regulations on when and where in my private home I may choose to view or copy material.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes, this would make my old equipment less than standard and force me to update.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Just because they don't know what the future holds doesn't mean they can say this will not limit options. It will.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

It will make them more expensive and less attractive. Additionally this makes me mistrust the industry.

Other Comments:

This industry needs reform, not protection. The introduction of new technology is forcing the industry to change and this type activity will allow them to keep going with business as usual. This will limit creativity and competition, causing higher prices and less technological progress.